NEWSBRIEFS

A LITTLE MORE SCIENCE!

A recent article in Pet Age (January issue) deals at length with the therapeutic effect that animals have on humans, which, of course, is directly pertinent to our Pet Therapy program. The article begins, "It's often said that laughter is the best medicine. Now, add pets to that adage - because new evidence exists that pets can be effective treatment for the ill, teachers for the young, companions for the lonely, and even that they can make their owners better citizens."

According to the Congressional Record for Nov. 5, 1985, "...pet ownership makes senior residents happier people - and better tenants." This point is confirmed in a study of a 1982 California law, which allowed public-housing residents (senior citizens) to own pets. It showed that it helped to improve the resident's quality of life without anticipated pet-related property damage.

Dr. W.W. Woltmeyer, a family practitioner in Wisconsin, states, "Elderly people may feel rejected by family members and loved ones, but they are loved by the animal. It helps decrease depression, loneliness."

Dr. Cindy C. Wilson of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Bethesda, Md.) says, "Results indicate that interacting with a pet does affect physiological and psychological responses by lowering heart rate and blood pressure."

The positive effects of pet ownership and the animal/human interaction are so many that we cannot possibly include them all here, but we do urge you to think seriously about it, and if you are looking for a pet, please contact us at (702) 367-6808. We have many looking for loving homes.

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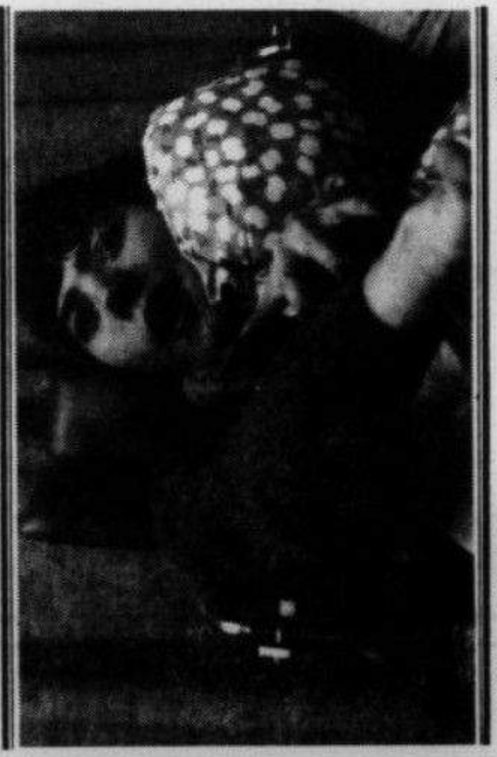

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LETTERS

You gave the joy of the season to those whose lives were touched with heartache.

On behalf of the women and children of the Domestic Crisis Shelter, we extend our deepest thanks.

Thanks for the helping hand.
Sincerely,

Estelle M. Murphy
TADC Executive Director

Thank you so much for your help at Christmas time.

Pediatrics
University Medical Center

Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub, thank you so much for bringing Yang. Our residents love him to see him. He does have a personality of his own. He's a great little show off.

Henderson Convalescent Hospital

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
Ephesians 6:12

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ I am interested in joining your international healing prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power. Please send me information.

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Please send me the FAITH CASSETTES I have checked below. I enclose my check/money-order for $5.50 for each cassette as a donation to your work.

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SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Day Celebration, 1-2 P.M. at Faith Center. Our weekly fellowship. A gathering together in the Lord. Praise, prayer, music, renewal and special prayers for those in need of healing.

HEALING & COUNSELING

Ministers are available at Faith Center for counseling and healing prayers. Please call **(702) 367-6808** to schedule an appointment.
We also maintain a Healing Prayer Book in which we enter the names of all those requesting prayers. If you wish to have your name entered, or that of a friend or relative, please call with your prayer request.

NEWSBRIEFS

BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY & PET ADOPTION CENTER: This is the official name of our animal sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. We have instituted a vigorous program of adoption for animals from the sanctuary to find homes in the Las Vegas area with good success. If you can help by giving a dog or cat a good, loving home, please call the sanctuary's Director, Faith Maloney, at (801) 644-2253, or locally in Las Vegas call Rev. Jana de Peyer 367-6808.

Photo: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

NEWSBRIEFS

LOCAL

Photo: Rev. Maria Perchuk

"Lilac" (Rev. Grace Michaels) gets a big smile from this young sickle cell patient at University Medical Center.

CLOWN MINISTRY: Some highlights from the year to date:

Our annual paricipation in the Martin Luther King Day parade in downtown Las Vegas was a great success and included several volunteers, who have since become regulars. Tom Bean is a juggler and unicyclist and took part along with Charles (Chuckles the Clown) Nebeker, an experienced young clown. Chuckles and Lilac (Rev. Grace Michaels) delighted the children lining the streets with personal attention from their puppets. Tom did his act very skillfully, and Chuckie Fennell, another volunteer, wore the "chicken and egg" costume with great flair. A group of retarded youngsters, who we visit regularly, were at the parade and delighted to see their old friend Lilac there! Charles, Chuckie and Tom have become regulars for both our Child Haven and Desert Developmental Center (DDC) visits, along with Jean Klein (Daisy), a charming and energetic grandmother. Jean has also helped on our visits to Nevada Association for the Handicapped.

All four participated in a visit to Child Haven's Calico Cottage in February with Lilac, and all the toddlers loved the attention. There were enough laps for every child to have a turn, and lots of hugs, as well as participation in the magic tricks and the opportunity to get balloon animals from Tom and Chuckles. Not only did the children not want the clowns to leave, but the clowns didn't either!

Photo: Rev. Maria Perchuk

This young lady attempts to make "Cookie's" magic 'ET' finger light up at the University Medical Center Christmas party in pediatrics.

Every month at Nevada Treatment Center we meet a new group, who are pleased and surprised by the face-painting activity we lead there. Our February visit was very well received, drawing smiles from one lady the group said never smiled, and a chorus of heart-felt "thank-you's" at the end. One man, after hearing what the Clown Ministry does, said that he would like to help the children too.

A very moving and emotional moment was created at University Medical Center when Cookie (Rev. Raphael de Peyer) pretended he couldn't do one of the tricks and stood in the corner pretending to cry. Brandon, a 4 year old, in for tests because of problems with his physical development, rushed over to hug Cookie. Cookie, of course, responded in kind, and everyone, including Brandon's mother, was deeply touched. It is moments such as this that are the essence of the Clown ministry.

Photo: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

"Chief" (Isidro Gonzales) giving a helping hand to this delighted young lady unwrapping her gift at Desert Developmental Center.

PET THERAPY: Rev. Abigail Johns described a visit to North Las Vegas Care Center with Yang as follows: We went from room to room as usual, and when we got to the activities area a group of residents were in an exercise class. The instructor invited us in and Yang was a very popular diversion from exercising as he went from lap to lap giving everyone a lot of attention. The class then continued their exercising with much more vigor!

In a new program, Brother Damon Lese takes his Siberian Husky, "Amra," to Charter Hospital, a psychiatric hospital. Amra was found abandoned near our animal sanctuary, 'Best Friends' and in need of an operation. He is now an extraordinarily healthy and good-natured dog. On his first visit to Charter Hospital people collected to admire him in every part of the hospital he visited. The teen boys were not embarrassed to pet him because petting such a big dog didn't upset their "macho" image, and the teen girls related to him as an oversized teddy bear! Amra singled out one girl in particular for a good face-licking! It turned out that she was in special need of attention, and Amra's attentions had helped her come out of her shell. As Damon says, "It's his visit. I'm just the driver!"

Photo: Rev. Grace Michaels

Yang, the young pekingese, and Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub delight this resident of Henderson Convalescent Hospital.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

ATLANTA: Jennifer Maxfield (Fluffy) and Pat Gallagher (Flash) conducted a recent and most successful visit to Kennestone Memorial Hospital in Marietta. Bob and Margery Kellar continue their fine Animal Action work (Margery is Atlanta Co-ordinator for Georgia Earth Alliance), and have restarted meetings of the Circle of Power prayer fellowship after the birth of their son, Adam. For information in Atlanta, please call 633-4420.

NEW YORK: Tom Krajewski, a member of the Circle of Power prayer fellowship, and a recovered alcoholic, thanks to the Lord's healing has been doing fine work visiting with and ministering to people in need in the "Big Apple".

TAKORADI, GHANA: Pastor Alex Eshun, leader of the Christian Youth Bible Study in Takoradi writes to say that they visited a small village in the eastern part of the country, where they preached the Gospel. Some were healed, some were delivered, and some received the power of God. He also thanks us for our tapes, Faith Cassettes, which he feels are instrumental in leading many to give their lives to Christ. Unhappily, Pastor Eshun recently lost his cassette player in a fire, and since they are hard to come by in Ghana we appeal to our readers for any tape recorders you can send us for use in Ghana.

ACCRA, GHANA: We welcome Rev. Isaac Nyamekye and his church, Christ Descending Church, as members of our international prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power.

LAGOS, NIGERIA: Grace Marfo, Circle of Power member, writes about the growing group of members in Lagos, and how much the monthly healing testimonies mean to her. God bless you for your fine work, Grace.